

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the fish curers now decline to take advantage of the curing yards under the existing conditions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): No. If they have got facilities for the transport of fish all the curers come into the yard. Where communications lack they do not resort to the yard, because they have to take the fish as head loads and similarly carry back the cured fish. This involves a great deal of inconvenience to them. If road communications could be opened, I am sure there will hardly be any fish curer who will not resort to these yards. The question of increasing road communications on the coast is engaging the attention of the Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the member is certain that salt supplied at this concessional rate to the curers is used for curing purposes alone?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Yes, we sell salt only in the curing yards under the supervision of Government officers whose business is to see that it is used for this purpose alone. Surprise visits are also paid by superior officers and I am sure that the salt is used only for curing fish. If we find an officer abusing his powers he gets a sack. I had occasion to sack one such officer some time ago.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): പണമുള്ളവരും ധാരാളമുണ്ടു്.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥനാറെ ഒഴിച്ചു നിർത്തി മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കു മാത്രം ഈ കൺസെഷൻ നൽകാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ല. ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം മീൻ പിടിക്കുന്നവർക്കു് ഈ വ്യവസായത്തിനു വേണ്ട സൗകര്യമുണ്ടാക്കി കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണ്.

I do not think I have anything more to say on this matter. As I have already said, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai is in full sympathy with the object of the grant asked for and I hope he will not press his motion to a division.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I beg to withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: Has the member leave of the house to withdraw his motion?

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the demand made by the Director of Agriculture for a sum of Rs. 6,950 is granted?

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIV.—Industries.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 5000 under demand XIV—Industries.

The Experimental Tannery of the Department of Industries has received an order for two thousand pounds of sheep's skin from the Stationery Department. To supply this leather, there is no provision in my current year's budget. So I have come to the House with this supplementary demand to meet the expenses for buying the hide necessary for the supply.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, whether the Stationery Department has been using leather on prior occasions?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know who supplied leather to the Stationery Department. Whether foreign contractors or men of the country.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I have no information on the point. I am not in charge of the Stationery Department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Tannery section of the Department of Industries supplied the Stationery Department with leather on any previous occasion?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): No. Only this year did we send samples and tendered for the supply.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it on a requisition that came from the Government or is it on information supplied by the Tannery Department, that they are in a position to supply leather that the contract was given to them?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We also tendered like other contractors and we sent samples.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the nature of the leather that is proposed to be supplied?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Bark tanned sheep-skin.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know what has become of the leather manufactured in the Tannery section year after year? Why is it left unsold? Is it saleable? I should like to get information on this point.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I shall give the member full information on the subject when I come forth with my budget in a very short time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to know whether the Tannery Department deserves the support it now asks for. That is to say, I am not satisfied with the working of the Tannery Department. I wish to know whether the Tannery Department manufactures leather which is saleable and if so why large quantities are left unsold when I know as a matter of fact any kind of leather manufactured can be sold locally.

PRESIDENT: You heard the ruling I gave when Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai was discussing his cut motion. I do not think the question of the general policy of the department is now before the House. It is only this particular item that is before the House and the discussion must be relevant to that particular demand.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): May I submit that the House will be perfectly in order if it proposes a reduction on the ground that part of the requirement may be met from the stock in custody of the department?

PRESIDENT: That, of course, is relevant but that is not the basis on which the Director is being interrogated.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it the position that when any demand is made under Industrial Department under a separate sub-division, that is Tannery, no discussion can be made upon the policy of the Tannery?

PRESIDENT: No. That should come in the general discussion of the Budget.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In the light of a previous ruling any supplementary demand is to be treated as a demand in the general Budget. In the light of that ruling this particular token motion is now tabled.

PRESIDENT: I have given my ruling on the point.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): I am asking your leave to ask him a question.

PRESIDENT: But, why don't you ask it when he was on his legs?

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): He sat down when Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai got up.

PRESIDENT: He sat down even before that. Even Mr. Thanu Pillai's question came too late. You can ask him when he stands up to make his reply.

Are you making your motion, Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I beg to move that the sum of Rs. 5,000 now applied for under this demand be reduced by Rs. 100.

The object of the motion is to express the discontent of the country about the way in which the Tannery is being worked in our State.

PRESIDENT: I have already said, Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai, that you cannot discuss the general question of the Tannery. I ruled it out of order already.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. നീലകണ്ഠപിള്ള ഹാജരാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kummattur*): I rise to a point of order. I want to know whether Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai has moved his motion. He has said nothing about it.

PRESIDENT: He has moved it.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): ഞാൻ വ്യവസായ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന്റെ നയത്തെപ്പറ്റിയല്ല പരമാവധി പൊക്കമെത്രെ.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I want a definite ruling in this matter because the demand is made under Demand No. XIV Industries. Therefore that demand, for all practical purposes has been treated as a demand made under that particular item in the general Budget.

PRESIDENT: I have already given a ruling on it.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): നമുക്കു സ്റ്റേഷനറി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിലും മിലിട്ടറി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിലും മറ്റുനേകം ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകളിലും തോൽ ധാരാളം ആവശ്യമുണ്ട്. അപ്രകാരമുള്ള തോലുകൾക്കെല്ലാം ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റ് ടെൻഡർ മേടിക്കുന്നു എന്നാണ് ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡയറക്ടറുടെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽനിന്നും ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നത്. അങ്ങനെ ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിന് ഇന്നയിന്ന തോലുകൾ ഉണ്ടാകാനുള്ള വിദഗ്ദ്ധന്മാർ ഞങ്ങളുടെ അധീനത്തിലുണ്ട്. ഇന്ന തോൽ ഞങ്ങൾ പരീക്ഷണം നടത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്, എന്ന് വിവരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് ഗവണ്മെന്റിന് നേരത്തെ കൂടി അയച്ചിരുന്നു എങ്കിൽ മറ്റു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റുകൾക്ക് ആവശ്യമുള്ള തോൽ ടെൻഡർകൊടുക്കാതെത്തന്നെ ഇൻഡസ്ട്രിയൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിൽനിന്നും കൊടുക്കാമായിരുന്നു. ഇപ്രകാരമാണും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റ് ചെയ്തുകാണുന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് ൧൦൦ രൂപാകറയ്ക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, the question before this House is whether funds should be sanctioned for leather being supplied to the Stationery Department or not. From what I have heard from Mr. Chacko I understand that the Stationery Department has placed an order for the supply of leather with the Industries Department. So far from what we have heard from the Director, he takes only the place of a contractor. Therefore the main point that we have got to consider is whether we should grant funds for the supply of leather to the Stationery Department or not. Now Mr. Chacko's tender happens to be the lowest and Government stands to gain by buying leather from Mr. Chacko. I do not think any other question arises now. Therefore, Sir, I think I will have to support this demand.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know on what basis he says that Mr. Chacko's tender is the lowest?

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): On the basis of Mr. Chacko's assurance.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): I beg to support the motion for reduction, not for the purpose of considering the question of policy which I concede is outside the scope

[Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar.]

of the discussion in a demand for supplementary grant. But taking advantage of this motion for a reduction I ask for information which certainly the Director of Industries should supply this House before it is called upon to sanction this expenditure. That the question has been approached in a fairly reasonable manner is apparent from the fact that the reduction sought for is only Rs. 100 and not a reduction of the entire demand. In common fairness to the House, before it is called upon to sanction such an expenditure, it is the duty of the representatives of the Government to place all the information to justify the House to sanction this expenditure. I trust that Mr. Chacko in the course of his reply will answer the very reasonable question as to whether he has in stock the particular quality of skin that he proposes to supply to the Stationery Department and whether over and above the stock in hand he has to buy materials for meeting the entire demand.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar-Vakil*): Does Mr. Krishna Aiyangar realise that the amount that the Director asks for is only for a sort of preliminary investment for making the required quality of skin to be recouped later on and not real expenditure?

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): That is just the question. The House is not bound to submit to the *ipse dixit* of any departmental head unless he supplies all informations at his disposal. There is nothing irregular, that is what I am submitting, before sanctioning the expenditure for the House to call upon the representatives of the Government to place the materials which will carry conviction to a reasonable mind that this expenditure is well meant and will do good to the country. Merely for eliciting that information I support the motion of Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I can supply the information asked for.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I want to oppose the demand. May I know whether I could oppose the demand now or after the motion for reducing the grant is voted upon?

PRESIDENT: Now we have the cut motion before the House.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wanted to oppose the demand itself.

PRESIDENT: You may do it afterwards. There is a specific cut motion now before the House.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I want to answer the question raised by Mr. K. A. Krishna Aiyangar. He asked whether the leather required by the Stationery Department could not be supplied from the stock in hand. The Stationery Department wants a particular kind of leather, that is sheep-skin. The stock that we have in the Tannery consists of buffalo and cowhides. There may be some goat skin also. What is wanted is sheep-skin to be used for book-binding. We have not got any sheep-skin in stock which has to be purchased and tanned in the Tannery section. I suppose that will satisfy him.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): So there is no meaning in saying that you are prepared to supply leather at a lower price?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We gave a lower price than other contractors.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): You said that the pay of the staff would not be included in this amount. Does it mean that they should work for nothing?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): The expert is not maintained for doing this kind of work. He has to do propaganda work and to inspect the tanning materials. Ordinary tanners can do this work.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): If he attends to this work will not his legitimate work suffer?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do you mean to say that he has not got enough work?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): He will have to supervise this work. That is all.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know why the leather manufactured in the Tannery Department lies unsold?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Much of this stock is obtained from experimental work. It may not be of the quality required for the trade. We have been trying experiments with so many kinds of bark.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I get an approximate idea as to the value of the leather stocked?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): There may be more than five thousand rupees worth of leather thus stocked.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are they manufactured purely as a result of experiments without any idea of selling them?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We usually have only buffalo hides and cow hides. There is not enough skin, at any time, of the same quality for export.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has any attempt been made to sell them locally?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We have. But there is no demand.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Does the Director of Industries tell the House that the ordinary tanned leather produced in the Tannery cannot find a market locally?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is the leather useful for anything?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I should like to know for what purpose this leather can be used?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It can be used for making boots and for all purposes for which leather is utilised.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): And yet it cannot find a market?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): The quality of this leather may be inferior.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it useful for any purpose?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I believe it is useful.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has the Director himself tested the quality of the leather?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): My testing is no good. I am not a leather expert.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has the Director ever troubled himself to see whether the leather stored in the Tannery can be made use of for any purpose?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I am investigating into the matter. When I come with my budget I will give you fuller information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the stocked leather has been the product of many years?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): And the investigation has begun only just now, as to whether a sale can be effected?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We are investigating the matter now and I may perhaps have to address the Government in course of time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether there is any real guarantee that the leather that is sought to be produced now will be useful for the purpose for which it is produced or whether the Government accepted the tender merely because a Government Institution sent a tender?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We supplied the Stationery Department with a sample and they accepted it. We have to supply the goods according to sample; otherwise they may not accept them.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is meant by bark tanned sheep leather?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): This is leather tanned with the barks of trees and not with chrome.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know with what bark this skin is tanned?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Thambagam and Konnai.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Of these which is found to be superior?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Leather experts differ in their opinion on this matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the bark with which the sheep-skin is tanned? What is the tanning material?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Any tanning material can be used. It depends upon the taste of the buyer.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What is the bark used for the sample?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Thambagam.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Which is superior, the leather tanned with Thambagam bark or the Konnai bark?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): In some respects Thambagam is better than Konnai. It is a very highly technical subject.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): For the purpose of book-binding is Thambagam tanned leather superior?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I think it would be better to tan leather with Thambagam. I am not quite sure. They want thin leather which is good for book-binding.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Can the member find a commercial market outside for sheep-skin tanned with Konnai bark?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Has it been experimented upon?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes, I can assure you. Consignments are sent to London.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I only want larger consignments to be sent.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know why the Director of Industries uses his expert knowledge and official time to compete with private enterprise?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): That is a big question which I cannot answer now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Does not the Director think that it would be discouraging private industry?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): If private people come forward, we are ready to go back. Our sole object is to induce the people to take to tanning and when any body comes forward, we will withdraw from the field.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it to educate the people sufficiently that the Department has tendered for a lower rate?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): This is a course of education.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): By competing with them?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): If there is anybody in Travancore who can supply these skins we are ready to go back. I believe that many of the contractors are not Travancoreans.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): If any Travancorean puts in a tender for a higher rate, will not the Director of Industries give a tender for a lower rate?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Our first consideration was that there were no Travancoreans to apply for the same. That induced the department to give a tender.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Were there no Travancoreans who applied for the contract?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): If there are Travancoreans who can do tanning and make use of all the hides and skins that are produced in Travancore I shall immediately recommend to the Government that the Government Tannery should be closed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has the Department of Industries been able during the course of the last so many years to make any Travancorean fit to apply for this contract?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Then, may I know why no Travancorean came forward?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): I do not know why he did not come forward. Probably he did not think of it or perhaps he may be in difficulties about getting money and skin.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has the Director of Industries persuaded the person whom he has educated to apply for this contract and to try his chance in the field?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It is rather difficult to ask me to go and ask any body whether he has submitted his tender and if he has not, then to ask him to send a tender. It would be very difficult. In the usual course of things I also sent in a tender.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): In order to practically show the immense utility of this work and to show that it is a successful business, should not the Director have asked him to apply for the tender?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Probably he does not want it, or he thought this to be too small a business. He sends leather to Madras. Why he did not tender, I cannot say.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): And so a business which is too small for a private individual is sufficiently large for the Department of Industries?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): For our Tannery it is sufficiently large.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkal*): May I know whether the department hopes to supply the quantity for which tender has been made during the current year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We have to supply it by Kanni or Tulam of next year. I am not quite sure of the date.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it for the next year that the demand is made now?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): But we have to buy the skin now for supplying leather during the next Kanni or Tulam.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it to be used next year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It will be used next year by the Stationery Department. During the current year we have to buy the hide and finish the work. The final product has to be supplied during the next year.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it to be supplied during the current year or the next year? That is the question.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): My department has to meet the cost this year; the Stationery Department has to pay for the article next year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I have an assurance from the Director of Industries that large quantities of unmarketable leather will not be produced in future by this department?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): We do not produce large quantities.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Three thousand rupees worth of stock is a large quantity.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): That is true. But that is the accumulation of various quantities of leather produced in the course of the experiments of so many years. All that goes to the stock-book.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Am I to understand that leather to the value of three thousand or four thousand rupees is the result purely of experiment?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It may be.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I do not want an answer in that form. I want a direct answer as to whether it is so. Is it purely the result of experiments?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): The leather that is produced is not such as is marketable locally.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether it is the result of pure experiments and whether this large scale production will be stopped in future years?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): It is not a large scale production.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Four thousand rupees is a large amount for the tax payer.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): തമ്പകം, കൊന്ന, ഇതു രണ്ടു ടാനിങ്ങിനു ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞുവല്ലോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): കൊന്ന പണ്ടേ തന്നെ ഉപയോഗിച്ചു വരുന്നുണ്ട്. തമ്പകം ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നത് ഞങ്ങളുടെ പരീക്ഷണത്തിന്റെ ഫലമായിട്ടാണ്.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): 6,000 രൂപയ്ക്ക് ശേഖരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള തുകൽ എന്തു കൊണ്ട് ടാൻ ചെയ്തതാണ്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): തമ്പകം, കൊന്ന, നെല്ലി, താന്നി മുതലായ പല സാധനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടും ഉണ്ടാക്കിയതാണ്.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): വേറെ രാജ്യങ്ങളിൽ ടൈ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതിനെയാണോ ഇവിടെയും ടൈ ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): കടുക്ക മുതലായത് മുന്പുതന്നെ നോക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്. തമ്പകം, നെല്ലി, താന്നി ഇവ ഞങ്ങൾ ടൈ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): ഈ എക്സ്പെർട്ട്സ് ഇതെല്ലാം ഇവിടെ വന്നിട്ട് പഠിച്ചതാണോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): അല്ല; തമ്പകം തന്നെ ആരും ഉപയോഗിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതല്ല. നെല്ലി, താന്നി മുതലായവയും വേറെ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ഉപയോഗിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതല്ല.

MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA (*Edavagai*): അയ്യായിരം രൂപാക്കുള്ള തുകലും പരീക്ഷാത്മകം ടാൻ ചെയ്തതാണോ? എന്തെല്ലാം ജാതി തുകലാണ് എക്സ്പെർട്ട്സ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): നാലോ അഞ്ചോ കാളയടയോ മാട്ടിന്റേയോ തോൽ ടൈ ചെയ്യും.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I beg to withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: Has the member the leave of the House to withdraw the motion?

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

PRESIDENT: I put to the House the demand for a supplementary grant for Rs. 5,000 under Demand XIV Industries. May I take it that it is granted?

The grant was made.